

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A frictional pivot comprising:
gravity-responsive directional means for indicating a datum
direction of alignment with gravity;
frictional pivoting means for allowing the gravity-responsive means
coarsely to align with gravity;
vibration means for vibrating one or more elements of the pivoting
means; and
portable power means for powering the vibration means.
2. (Original) A frictional pivot according to claim 1, wherein the length
and frequency of occurrence of vibration produced by the vibrating means
are controlled by manual switches or electronic timing circuitry.
3. (Currently Amended) A frictional pivot according to ~~claims 1 or 2~~
claim 1, wherein the gravity responsive directional means is a weighted
pendulous arm orthogonally attached to a pivotable shaft.
4. (Currently Amended) A frictional according to ~~claims 1 or 2~~claim 1,
wherein the gravity responsive directional means is an eccentrically
weighted element orthogonally attached to a pivotable shaft.
5. (Currently Amended) A frictional pivot according to ~~claims 3 or 4~~
claim 3, wherein the frictional pivoting means are two opposing plates of
a flexible material which are held apart at a predetermined distance by
being rigidly attached to a case, and conical ends of the shaft are located
in conical depressions in the two opposing plates.

6. (Currently Amended) A frictional pivot according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the vibration means is a low-voltage electric motor with an axially attached eccentric weight.

7. (Original)) A frictional pivot according to claim 5, wherein one or both of the two opposing plates are slugs of material with conical depressions and the slugs are axially movable relative to the pivotable shaft and held against the ends of the shaft by leaf or helical springs.

8. (Currently Amended) A laser referencing tool having a frictional pivot according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1.

9. (Currently Amended) A laser referencing tool according to claim 7 ~~when dependent on claim 4~~, wherein the gravity responsive directional means is an eccentrically weighted element orthogonally attached to a pivotable shaft ~~the laser referencing tool is integrally formed with the gravity responsive directional means~~.

10. (Currently Amended) A laser referencing tool according to ~~claims 8 or 9~~ claim 8, further comprising an eccentrically weighted cylindrical housing frictionally attached about a common axis to another cylindrical housing, the second housing containing laser projecting means.

11. (Original) A laser referencing tool according to claim 10, wherein a reference point indicating gravitational alignment is a mark on the circumference of the weighted housing, with other marks spaced at regular angular intervals on the circumference of the second housing indicating the angular displacement of the laser projecting means away from the gravitational vertical.

12. (Currently Amended) A laser referencing tool according to claims
~~10 or 11~~ claim 10, wherein the vibrating means is within one or both of
the cylindrical housing.